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TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

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*With deep gratitude
we dedicate this year's town report to*



***Finn M. W. Casperson
1941 – 2009***

Finn Casperson's love of the land ensured that nearly 500 acres are now protected by a conservation easement held by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, a permanent gift consonant with our vision of the scenic and rural nature of our town, and our commitment to the protection of Mount Cardigan and its environs.

With deep gratitude
we dedicate this year's report to



Frank M. W. Carpenter
1911-1912

Frank Carpenter, one of the best known and most
able men in the country, has been elected to the
position of President of the American Forestry
Association for the year 1911-1912. He is
a native of New Hampshire, and has spent
most of his life in the study of forestry.
He is now in the service of the United States
Forest Service, and is in charge of the
forestry work in the State of New Hampshire.

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Officers of the Town of Orange

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Betty Fulton, Chair '15

Patricia Mercer, Vice Chair '17 Robert Ells '16

MODERATOR

Daniel Hazelton '16

TOWN CLERK

Sophie Seace

TREASURER

Catherine Bean (appointed)

TAX COLLECTOR

Sharon Proulx

DEEDING AGENT

Sharon Proulx

ROAD AGENT

Scott Sanborn

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Kathleen Stacy (appointed) '15

SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Scott Sanborn '17

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Patricia Mercer

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Nathaniel Emerson '15 Jeanne Minasian '16 Gloria Stevens '17

CEMETERY AGENT

Ed Saulen

HEALTH OFFICER

Donald Pfaefflin

PLANNING BOARD

Scott Sanborn, Chair '16 George White, Vice Chair '17

Robert Proulx, Secretary '15 David Stacy '15

Judith Lindahl '17 Albert Emerson '16

Robert Ells, Select Board ex officio

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Donald Pfaefflin, Chair Judith Connelly Richard Jaeger

Beverly Ells Patricia Mercer, Select Board ex officio

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Beth DiFrancesco '20 Laurie Sanborn '16 Caitlan Arnold '18

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Patricia Mercer '15 Anita Watson '16 Lyell Smith '17

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Brent Stevens

DEPUTY WARDENS

Franklyn Conrad James McAlister

AUDITORS

Christy Souza '15

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Donald Pfaefflin

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Brent Stevens

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Connelly, Chair '15 Robert Proulx, Clerk '17
David Stacy '16 Betty Fulton, Select Board ex officio

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dorothy Heinrichs, Chair David Stacy, Vice Chair
Sandi Pierson Jay Heinrichs



Orange Budget Committee members Dave Stacy, Bob Proulx, and Tim Connelly, Chair

TOWN OF ORANGE WARRANT FOR 2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 2015 at eleven o'clock a.m. for the election of Town Officers as called for in Article 1 and Articles 2, 3, and 4. The polls will open at 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. for voting on Articles 1 through 4.

YOU ARE ALSO HEREBY NOTIFIED that the business meeting will be held at the Town House in said Orange at seven o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, the 11th day of March, 2015 to act upon Articles 5 through 12 in this warrant.

ARTICLE 1: (By official ballot) To elect the following town officers for the following terms: 1 Selectman – 3 year term, 1 Overseer Public Welfare – 1 year term, 1 Town Clerk – 1 year term, 1 Budget Committee – 3 year term, 1 Treasurer – 1 year term, 1 Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term, 1 Tax Collector – 1 year term, 1 Trustee Trust Funds – 3 year term, 1 Deeding Agent – 1 year term, 2 Auditors – a 1 year term and a 2 year term, 1 Road Agent – 1 year term, 1 Cemetery Agent – 1 year term, 2 Planning Board – both 3 year terms, 1 Supervisor of Check List – 3 year term, and any other officers as required by law.

ARTICLE 2: (By official ballot) To see if the Town will vote to OPPOSE the proposed Spruce Ridge Wind Project.

Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0)

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

ARTICLE 3: (By official ballot) To see if the Town will vote to support the following resolution: WHEREAS development of an industrial wind turbine project along the mountain ridges approaching Mount Cardigan will negatively impact the Town's

rural nature and scenic beauty, as well as its watersheds, wildlife habitat, recreation, property values, and municipal finances, now be it RESOLVED that the Town strongly OPPOSES the development of an industrial wind turbine project along the mountain ridge lines visible from the Town of Orange, and any such project located within the Town of Orange or surrounding towns.

Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0)

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

ARTICLE 4: (By official ballot) To see if the Town will vote to require all industrial wind energy facilities that may come to be located in Orange to post a financial surety, in form and amount acceptable to the Select Board and the Planning Board, prior to initiating construction, to cover the cost of removal and disposal of the wind facility and the remediation of the landscape upon ceasing normal operations. Such financial surety shall be renewed and updated as necessary throughout the life of the wind facility so as to continue to cover the removal, disposal and remediation costs.

Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0)

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.

Recommended by the Select Board

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept the prepayment of taxes pursuant to RSA 80:52-a. Taxpayers shall be allowed to prepay taxes no more than two years in advance of the due date of the taxes. No interest shall accrue to the taxpayer on any prepayment, nor shall any interest be paid to the taxpayer on any prepayment which is later subject to rebate or refund.

Recommended by the Select Board

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate approximately \$20,151.25 for the purpose of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment, said amount to be offset by the Highway Block Grant (estimated to be \$20,151.25). Said amount to be included in Article 8.

Recommended by the Budget Committee (3-0)

Recommended by the Select Board

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$241,189.75, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, for the ensuing year for general operations.

Recommended by the Budget Committee (3-0)

Recommended by the Select Board

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five Orange residents, none of whom shall be officers or employees, to study the salaries of the Town officers and employees and report their findings and recommendations in the next annual Town Report, including a warrant article that they deem appropriate.

Recommended by the Select Board

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to appoint a town treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-e, rather than electing a treasurer.

Recommended by the Select Board

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to advise the Select Board that it does not support negotiating a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement with any industrial wind energy facility in accordance with RSA 362-A:6-a; but that any such agreement shall specifically include consideration of 1) the full ad valorem tax assessed to such facilities; 2) direct costs to the Town of fire protection, insurance, public safety, road maintenance, water testing, legal advice and representation, and the like, attendant upon the existence of such a facility; 3) the financial cost to the

Town in abatements and decreased property values, in increased county, school and other tax burdens, in degradation of natural habitat and loss of wildlife, together with its consequent impact on hunting and recreation, and in investigations of complaints concerning public health and quiet enjoyment; and 4) all other financial burdens and liabilities, including those arising from decommissioning; and further, that any payment shall be adjusted annually to reflect any increased or unanticipated costs to, or losses suffered by, the Town.

Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0)

Recommended by the Select Board (3-0)

ARTICLE 12: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

*GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL ON THE 16TH DAY
OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO
THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.*

*Betty Fulton Robert Ells Patricia Mercer
Selectmen, Town of Orange, New Hampshire*

Did you know....

- ✓ The Cardigan land grant was granted to 101 proprietors in 1769.
- ✓ The first settlers arrived in 1773.
- ✓ Petitions to incorporate the Town of Cardigan in 1779 and 1783 were unsuccessful.
- ✓ A 1789 petition incorporated our town under the new name of Orange in 1790.
- ✓ The population of Orange when incorporated was 131.
- ✓ The high point of population was 463 in 1850.
- ✓ The low point was 82 in 1952.

TOWN BUDGET PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION

	Approp. <u>2014</u>	Expended <u>2014</u>	Approp. <u>2015</u>
<u>General Government</u>			
Officers Salaries	\$23,500.00	\$21,866.73	\$23,500.00
Elections & Registrations	\$3,600.00	\$2,601.34	\$1,800.00
Financial Admin.	\$300.00	\$154.45	\$300.00
Property Reappraisal	\$3,500.00	\$6,353.35	\$2,000.00
Legal Expense	\$6,000.00	\$6,591.35	\$19,000.00
FICA Payments	\$3,000.00	\$260.28	\$3,000.00
Planning & Zoning	\$500.00	\$629.03	\$500.00
General Gov't.	\$6,000.00	\$6,461.94	\$6,500.00
Buildings			
Cemeteries	\$2,500.00	\$1,763.88	\$3,000.00
Insurance	\$2,000.00	\$2,044.47	\$2,100.00
Memberships	\$1,800.00	\$1,687.98	\$1,800.00
Officers' Expenses	\$7,700.00	\$6,121.98	\$7,500.00
<u>Public Safety</u>			
FAST Squad (Canaan)	\$3,675.00	\$3,743.40	\$4,716.75
Fire Department (Canaan)	\$11,423.00	\$11,423.00	\$15,207.00
Building Inspection	\$900.00	\$661.05	\$800.00
Emergency Mgmt.	\$300.00	119.33	\$300.00
<u>Highway & Streets</u>			
Highway	\$98,000.00	\$99,722.54	\$98,000.00
<u>Sanitation</u>			
Trash Collection	\$34,500.00	\$30,477.61	\$34,500.00
<u>Health</u>			
Health Agencies	\$4,300.00	\$4,261.65	\$4,500.00
<u>Welfare</u>			
Direct Assistance	\$3,000.00	\$102.00	\$3,000.00

Culture & Recreation

Library	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4000.00
Other Culture & Rec.	\$350.00	\$35.89	\$350.00

Conservation

Timber Harvest	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Monitor			
Conservation Comm.	\$315.00	\$90.60	\$315.00

Debt Service

Tax Anticipation Note	\$1,600.00	\$4,506.08	\$3,500.00
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Capital Outlay

Town House	\$4,500.00	\$1,798.71	\$1,000.00
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<u>Operating Budget</u>	\$227,264.00	\$217,478.64	\$241,189.75
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Totals

<u><i>Capital Reserve</i></u>	<u>2014 Balance</u>	<u>2015Approp.</u>
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Funds

Revaluation	\$17,272.48	\$0.00
Town House	\$3,823.07	\$0.00
Cemetery	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Highway Equipment	\$9,682.23	\$0.00
Document	\$1,010.86	\$0.00
Preservation		
Town Road Improve.	\$15,853.04	\$0.00
Land and	\$8,309.79	\$0.00
Conservation		

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated	Actual	Estimated
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>

Taxes

Yield Tax	\$4,000.00	\$4,179.89	\$4,000.00
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Interest & Penalties

Delinquent Taxes	\$12,000.00	\$12,043.52	\$12,000.00
Inventory Penalties	\$1,200.00	\$1,376.00	\$1,200.00

Licenses, Permits & Fees

UCC	30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
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	Estimated 2014	Actual 2014	Estimated 2015
Motor Vehicle	\$45,000.00	\$47,727.40	\$46,000.00
Building Permits	\$200.00	\$35.00	\$100.00
Other Licenses & Permits	\$800.00	\$356.50	\$350.00
<u>From State</u>			
Rooms & Meals Tax	\$14,500.00	\$15,764.94	\$15,000.00
Highway Block Grant	\$27,602.36	\$23,198.63	\$20,151.25
State/Fed. Forest	\$2,200.00	\$1,330.93	\$1,000.00
Emergency Operations	\$0.00	\$3,505.46	\$0.00
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Interest on Investments	\$100.00	\$106.55	\$100.00
Other (Municipal Fees)	\$800.00	\$847.00	\$800.00
Capital Reserves	\$0.00	\$3,948.00	\$0.00
Voted from Fund	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
Balance			
<i>Total Estimated</i>			
<u>Revenue and Credits</u>	\$108,432.36	\$159,449.82	\$100,731.25

2015 BUDGET SUMMARY

	2014	2015
Recommended Operating Budget	\$227,264.00	\$241,189.75
Special Warrant Articles	\$9,500.00	\$0.00
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Appropriations Recommended	\$236,764.00	\$241,189.75
Less Estimated Revenue	\$108,432.36	\$100,731.25
Est. Amt. to be Raised by Taxes	\$128,331.64	\$140,458.50

Notes:

- Offsetting revenue voted from the fund balance is determined by the Select Board at the time the tax rate is set.
- The 2015 Budget is recommended by both the Budget Committee and Select Board

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014

DEBITS:

Uncollected Taxes Beg. Of Year	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Property Taxes		\$48,266.84
Timber Yield Taxes		
Betterment Taxes		
Prior Year's Credits Balance	(\$572.79)	
This Year's New Credits	(\$684.34)	

Taxes Committed This Fiscal Year

Property Taxes	\$649,392.43
Timber Yield Taxes	\$4,179.89
Excavation Tax @ \$.02 yard	\$64.96

Overpayment Refunds:

Interest-Late Tax	\$61.25	\$3,146.89
<i>TOTAL DEBITS</i>	\$652,441.40	\$51,413.73

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Property Taxes	\$580,251.34	\$23,837.27
Timber Yield Taxes	\$4,179.89	
Interest and Penalties	\$61.25	\$3,146.89
Converted to Liens (Principal only)		24,429.57
Discounts Allowed	\$16,299.13	
Prior Year Overpayment Assigned	(\$572.79)	
Abatements Made	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Property Taxes		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02 yard	\$64.96	

Uncollected Taxes - End of Year

Property Taxes \$52,841.96

Property Tax Credit Balance (\$684.34)

TOTAL CREDITS **\$652,441.40** **\$51,413.73**

DEBITS:**2013****2012****2011**

Unredeemed &
Executed Liens Beg.
FY

\$24,693.53 \$23,520.39

Liens Executed FY \$26,876.51

Interest & Costs

Collected \$25.77 \$355.83 \$8,453.78

TOTAL LIEN

DEBITS **\$26,902.28** **\$25,049.36** **\$31,974.17**

CREDITS**Remitted to****Treasurer****2013****2012****2011**

Redemptions \$296.10

\$995.98 \$23,520.39

Interest & Costs

Collected \$25.77 \$355.83 \$8,453.78

Unredeemed liens

End of FY \$26,580.41 \$23,697.55

TOTAL LIEN

CREDITS **\$26,902.28** **\$25,049.36** **\$31,974.17**

*Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector
Town of Orange*

2014 REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees of Trust Funds has three members – Gloria Stevens ('17), Nathaniel Emerson ('15 & running again, possibly '18) & chair, Jeanne Minasian ('16). We have an investment policy, adopted and sent to the Attorney General's office stating that our investments are within the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP). "No funds shall be dispersed or expended except for the stated purpose and with an invoice or written authorization to withdrawn said funds by the Selectman of the Town of Orange."

This past year we had **disbursements** of:

- \$2,785.00 from the Town Document Preservation Capital Reserve for a fireproof document storage cabinet. 4/23/14
- \$1,163.00 from Town House Capital Reserve for town house drainage 10/28/14

Deposits to the capital reserve funds approved in March 2014 totaling \$9,500.00 were deposited on December 31, 2014. This deposit was initiated by Pat Mercer in violation of RSA 35:12, as these were to be deposited no later than 15 days before the end of the municipality's accounting year. This provision ensures there is adequate time for trustees to deposit the money before the end of the accounting year so that the deposits will appear of the trustees' year-end bank statements. We recommend this be noted for 2015 on the Selectmen's calendar to ensure compliance.

Jeanne P. Minasian, Chair Trustee of Trust Funds

COMMON TRUST FUNDS

CEMETERIES

	Dec. 31, 2013	2014 Int.	Dec. 31, 2014
Hannah M. French	\$1,067.97	\$0.00	\$1,067.97
Jennie M. French	1,384.28	0.00	1,384.28
Arthur Briggs	502.67	0.00	502.67
Clara Huse	464.20	0.00	464.20
Asa Hoyt	476.89	0.00	476.89
Harry Eastman	1,300.53	0.00	1,300.53
Abbie Fellows	1,464.06	0.00	1,464.06
Adoniram Ford	1,493.24	0.00	1,493.24
Charles Ford	1,554.06	0.00	1,554.06
Lyman Batchelder	474.91	0.00	474.91

(There were no withdrawals from the above cemetery trusts.)

ERNEST KILTON BARNARD MEMORIAL FUND

Dec. 31, 2013 balance: \$12,053.97; Interest: \$1.88; Withdrawal: \$0.00; Balance Dec. 31, 2014: \$12,055.85

CAPITAL RESERVES

- *Highway Equipment:* Dec. 31, 2013: \$7,680.89; interest: \$1.34; 2014 town appropriation: \$2000; Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$9,682.23.
- *Town Road Improvement:* Dec. 31, 2013: \$13,851.09; interest: \$1.95; 2014 town appropriation: \$2000; Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$15,853.04.
- *Revaluation:* Dec. 31, 2013: \$14,270.49; interest: \$1.99; 2014 town appropriation \$3000; Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$17,272.48.
- *Town House:* Dec. 31, 2013: \$3,986.07; interest: \$0.00; 2014 town appropriation: \$1000; withdrawal: \$1,163.00; Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$3,823.07.

- *Town Document Preservation:* Dec. 31, 2013: \$2,795.86; interest: \$0.00; 2014 town appropriation: \$1000; withdrawal: \$2,785.00; Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$1,010.86.
- *Land & Conservation:* Dec. 31, 2013: \$8,308.28, interest: \$1.51; balance Dec. 31, 2014: \$8,309.79
- *Cemetery Monuments:* Dec. 31, 2013: \$1,000.00; interest: \$0.00; 2014 town appropriation: \$500.00; balance Dec. 31, 2014 balance: \$1500.00.

<i>Cemeteries:</i>	<i>\$10,182.81</i>
<i>Kilton Fund:</i>	<i>12,055.85</i>
<i>Capital Reserves:</i>	<i>57,451.47</i>
<i>Grand Total:</i>	<i>\$79,690.13</i>

*Respectfully submitted by the Trustees of Trust Funds,
Jeanne Minasian, Gloria Stevens, and Nathaniel Emerson*

ORANGE TOWN CLERK REPORT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

Automobile Registrations	\$47,620.40
Automobile Titles	\$96.00
Municipal Fees	\$854.00
Dog Licenses	\$347.50
UCC Fees	\$30.00
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$48,947.90</i>

*Respectfully Submitted,
Sophie Seace
Orange Town Clerk*

2014 PROPERTY TAXES DATA

Town gross appropriations: \$236,764

Less Revenues: \$152,290

Add Overlay per RSA 76:6: \$1,152

Add War Service Credits: \$3,000

Net town Appropriation: \$88,626

Net local school apportionment: \$686,166

Less Education grant: \$181,480

Less Education Tax (from below): \$71,327

Total school tax effort: \$433,359

Education Tax: \$71,327

County Tax: \$57,649

Total Taxes Assessed: \$650,961

Less War Service Credits: \$3,000

Total Property Tax Commitment: \$647,961

TAX RATES PER \$1000 OF VALUATION

	Town	Mascoma School District	State Education	County	Total Tax Rate
2014	\$3.07	\$15.02	\$2.54	\$2.00	\$22.63
2013	\$2.50	\$14.92	\$2.47	\$1.66	\$21.55
2012	\$4.10	\$11.59	\$2.46	\$1.62	\$19.77
2011	\$2.00	\$14.85	\$2.62	\$1.50	\$20.97
2010	\$2.21	\$13.33	\$2.49	\$1.49	\$19.52
2009	\$4.05	\$11.92	\$2.12	\$1.44	\$19.53

(The significant variation in the town tax rate is based on how much of the municipal operating budget is offset by a portion of the unreserved fund balance. This is determined by the Select Board at the time the tax rate is set.)

2014 SUMMARY OF VALUATION

	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
Current Use	8,610.73	\$433,470
Residential	1,031.43	\$8,129,948
Commercial	88.02	\$199,000
Taxable total acreage	9,730.18	\$8,762,418
Non-taxable*	5,350.13	\$3,835,200

*Town property and State (Cardigan State Forest)

Residential buildings	\$17,780,100
Manufactured Housing	\$1,178,100
Commercial Buildings	\$402,200
Total Taxable Buildings	\$19,360,400
Non-taxable buildings (Town House)	\$143,600
Utilities:	\$752,000

Total valuation before exemptions: \$28,874,818

Less elderly exemption: \$25,000

Net Valuation: \$28,849,818

Town, County, and Mascoma School District taxes are based on the above net valuation.

State Education Tax is based on valuation minus utilities value of \$752,000. (\$28,097,818)

Current Use Acreage and Values:

Farmland: 160.19 acres - \$52,872

Forest Land: 7,627.75 acres - \$355,940

Forest Land w/ Documented Stewardship: 680.49 acres -\$22,535

Unproductive Land: 86.90 acres - \$1,208

Wetland: 55.40 - \$915

Other Current Use Statistics:

Receiving 20% recreation adjustment: 4,059.69 acres

Removed from current use in 2014: 4.99 acres

Total parcels in current use: 132

Total number of current use land owners: 95

2014 SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Properties:

- Map 1- Lot 34, Route 4, 0.10 acre (possible site of 1804 municipal toll booth), value: \$1,000
- Map 1- Lot 57, Tuttle Hill Road, 0.65 acre (vacant lot), value: \$19,700
- Map 3- Lot 3-3, Tug Mountain Road, 0.38 acre, Common Cemetery, value: \$24,600
- Map 3 - Lot 11, 8 Town House Road, 2.27 acres, land value: \$24,900, building (town house): \$121,300
- Map 3- Lot 56, Cardigan Mountain Road, 11.25 acres, "Williams Lot," value: \$37,100
- Map 3- Lot 100, Cardigan Mountain Road, 0.37 acre, French Cemetery, value: \$24,300
- Map 3- Lot 100-1, Cardigan Mountain Road, 0.75 acre, Church Cemetery, value: \$26,400
- Map 7- Lot 3, Alexandria town line, 8.9 acres on the north flank of Firescrew Mountain, value: \$42,300

Highway Department:

- 2008 Ford 350 Truck w/ plow: \$24,400
- Fisher Minute Mount Plow: \$3,500
- Sander: \$5,000
- 2001 York Rake: \$1,500
- Other equipment: \$960

Other:

- Town house, general contents: \$46,000
- Historical collection: \$5,042
- Art collection: \$7,385
- Set of six display units: \$3,000
- Gary Hamel 23 historical panels: \$7,500
- Standby generator: \$3,500

Properties:	\$321,600.00
Highway Department:	35,360.00
Other:	72,427.00

TOTAL: \$429,387.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF VOUCHERS

Revaluation of Property

Avitar Assoc. Of New England	\$6,353.35
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General Government Buildings -

Young's Propane	\$2,435.48
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Town Of Hanover	\$450.00
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Fair Point Communications	\$6,362.19
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NH Electric Co-Op	\$1,394.73
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BMD Electric	\$1,335.00
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Safety File, Inc	\$2,874.63
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Abatements

Nick Brunet d/b/a/ Woodlot & Grange	\$388.50
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Judith Lindahl	\$45.74
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Fair Point Communications	\$4,270.09
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Ambulance

Canaan FAST	\$3,675.00
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Canaan FAST (AED Pads)	\$68.40
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Building Inspections

Donald Pfaefflin	\$661.05
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Capital Reserve

Young's Propane	\$463.71
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Cemetery

Edwin Saulen	\$1,763.88
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County Taxes

Grafton County Treasurer	\$57,649.00
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Elections

Valley News	\$121.34
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Robert Ells	\$280.00
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Dorothy Heinrichs	\$140.00
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Daniel Hazelton	\$285.00
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Sophie Seace	\$210.00
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Caitlan Arnold	\$210.00
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George White	\$305.00
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Patricia White	\$280.00
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Beth DiFrancesco	\$280.00
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Patricia Mercer	\$140.00
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Mary Ellen Shelzi	\$70.00
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Laurie Sanborn	\$140.00
Betty Fulton	\$70.00
Barbara Smith	\$70.00
Emergency Management	
Brent Stevens	\$119.33
Town Officers Expenses	
NH Dept. Of State	\$46.00
Staples	\$395.48
Gnomon Copy	\$762.00
Sharon Proulx	\$377.47
Tessa Michetti	\$273.97
Robert Proulx	\$380.60
Postmaster, Town Of Canaan	\$381.29
Henry Minasian	\$1,187.18
IDS	\$119.68
Valley News	\$13.71
Sophie Seace	\$327.30
Sandi Pierson	\$467.41
NHCTCA/Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Region	\$80.00
Patricia White	\$279.15
Canaan Hardware	\$19.46
Betty Fulton	\$1,058.99
Dept. Of Agriculture, Markets & Food	\$145.00
Postmaster, Town Of Canaan	\$112.00
Lyell Smith	\$116.40
Patricia Mercer	\$62.50
Anita Garland	\$62.50
Financial Admin	
Grafton County Reg. Of Deeds	\$154.45
Canaan Fire	
Town Of Canaan	\$11,423.00
Health Agencies	
Grafton Cty Senior Citizens Council	\$750.00
Visiting Nurse & Hospice Of VT & NH	\$1,300.00
Mascoma Health Initiative	\$248.25
West Central Behavioral Health	\$330.00
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	\$500.00
Tri-County Comm. Action Program	\$144.00
Upper Valley Haven	\$150.00

Upper Valley Humane Society	\$300.00
Donald Pfaefflin	\$539.40
Highway	
Shaker Valley Auto Parts	\$52.30
Remacle Construction	\$93,283.50
Scott Sanborn	\$3,725.10
Papa Z's	\$1,412.58
Dyer's Welding & Upper Valley Line-X	\$1,836.32
Pike Industries	\$2,549.56
Flanders & Patch	\$4,483.33
Ferguson Waterworks	\$334.99
Twin State Sand And Gravel	\$231.36
Insurance	
Property Liability Trust	\$2,044.47
Legal	
Gardner, Fulton & Waugh PLLC	\$6,591.35
Library	
Canaan Town Library	\$4,000.00
Mascoma Valley Regional School	
Mascoma School District	\$562,056.72
Memberships	
NH Health Officer Assn	\$35.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Reg. Plg Comm.	\$427.98
NH Municipal Assn.	\$950.00
NH Assn. Of Assessing Officials	\$20.00
NH Assn. Of Conservation Commissions	\$195.00
NH Tax Collector's Association	\$40.00
NH City & Town Clerks Assn.	\$20.00
Personnel Admin	
U.S. Treasury (FICA)	\$260.28
Planning	
Valley News	\$129.43
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Reg'l Plg Comm.	\$16.00
Recreation	
Marilyn Johnson	\$35.89
Salaries	
Sandi Pierson	\$9,629.00
Patricia White	\$748.00

Sophie Seace	\$2,168.23
Betty Fulton	\$1,750.00
Robert Ells	\$1,750.00
David Stacy	\$120.00
Timothy Connelly	\$120.00
Robert Proulx	\$120.00
William Souza	\$140.00
Christy Souza	\$140.00
Sharon Proulx	\$1,500.00
Patricia Mercer	\$1,852.00
Jeanne Minasian	\$100.00
Gloria Stevens	\$100.00
Tessa Michetti	\$208.30
Catherine Bean	\$1,041.70
Nathaniel Emerson	\$100.00
Waste	
Northeast Waste (Casella)	\$30,477.61
Conservation Commission -	
Dorothy Heinrichs	\$90.60
Welfare	\$102.00
Restricted Assets	
Green Oak Realty	\$924.00
Remacle Construction	\$7,023.50
Ferguson Waterworks	\$293.99
Twin State Sand & Gravel	\$153.20

Most of the historical notes in this report were gleaned from the application to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources to have the Orange Town House placed on the State Register of Historical Places.

REPORTS



Geological survey of Orange circa 1933 showing the various zones of metamorphic and igneous rocks. The Tug Mountain Pinnacle was reported by geologists to have the largest deposit of Pegmatite in New England (Pegmatite Investigations 1942-45, U.S. Geological Survey Paper 255; U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington DC)

CHAPTER 10



2014 REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

On request of the Planning Board, it is with sincere gratitude that we dedicate this town report to Finn M. W. Casperson whose heirs facilitated the perpetual conservation of 500 acres of land abutting Cardigan Mountain State Forest.

After considering numerous proposals from assessing firms in the State, the Board chose Avitar Associates of New England, a firm that competently provided our assessing services in the past. As in 2010, Avitar will do our town-wide 2015 revaluation. Avitar has an outstanding reputation throughout the State and their personnel are top-quality and familiar with our assessing needs. Avitar provides state of the art assessing software for both the Selectmen's office and tax collector.

As you may be aware, Fairpoint Communications is actively suing most municipalities in the state regarding property taxation, and Orange is no exception. Our attorney, Bernie Waugh of Gardner, Fulton and Waugh, has joined with other attorneys in this litigation on our behalf, which should mitigate our expenses.

The Select Board is actively enforcing the junk ordinance. If you have questions about what constitutes the junk ordinance, please contact the Select Board.

In the Select Board's office, ongoing updates include a number of discrepancies between the acreage on the assessment cards and that of the tax maps. The current use update is also an ongoing process. The records of elderly exemptions and veteran credits are complete and 100% compliant with the DRA.

Presently a very important issue for our town is the proposed Spruce Ridge Industrial Wind Project. Their initial application proposes 29 turbines at a height of 499 feet, nine of them slated for ridges in the Town of Orange. Not surprisingly, this project raises huge financial, conservation, and fire protection issues for

Orange. The Select Board and Planning Board have organized several presentations about this industrial wind proposal. We hope every resident becomes actively engaged in this issue as the wind proposal will significantly impact the essence of our small town.

Many of you may be aware there is an issue with the concrete foundation wall located at the northern side of the Selectmen's office. During outside drainage work, it was realized that a couple of visible surface cracks above ground level actually ran the length of the entire wall. Dave Stacy confirmed that there had been no shifting of the wall and he worked with Scott Sanborn and Remacle Construction to brace and adequately stabilize the fractures. Though this does not appear to be an immediate problem, the Board recommends continuing to monitor the wall and consider a long term strategy to fund a replacement wall if it is deemed necessary sometime in the future.

The Town House has had several improvements over the course of the year, including emergency EXIT lighting per code, outside drainage, and the upgrading of the parking area to facilitate proper water run-off. The purchase of a second fireproof cabinet was made early in the year which will continue to ensure the safe preservation of town documents. The front outside light was replaced with an energy-efficient LED light. From the Town House grounds, Dorothy Heinrichs and Dave Stacy, on behalf of the Orange Conservation Commission, removed a deeply-rooted plant that was on the State's invasive species list and replaced it with a high bush blueberry from Longacres. This will treat us with bright foliage in the fall and provide berries for the birds. Finally, we offer our sincere thanks to Sharon and Robert Proulx for the maintenance they perform on the Town House grounds and in the building.

The Orange Historical Commission worked very hard to have the Orange Town House placed on the New Hampshire Register of Historical Places. We consider this an honor and extend our sincere appreciation for their diligence and hard work.

This year we received Charlie Sova's resignation from the Mascoma School Board. Two candidates came forth and were interviewed, with the result being the appointment of Kathy Stacy to finish out his term. Also this year, Scott Lurgio "retired" from the Conservation Committee after eight years of service. We extend our thanks for his dedicated service to the town.

Each year around Memorial Day you will notice that a hand crafted wreath adorns the flagpole at the Town House. This is courtesy of Mrs. Landry's third grade class at Canaan Elementary. Nate Harpootlian accepts the wreath on the town's behalf and places it at the flagpole. To our veterans we extend our appreciation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Betty Fulton, Chair*



Published by Colonial Pharmacy Cardigan Mt. from the Mountain Bridge, near Canaan, N. H.

*Old post card by E.M. Allen of Cardigan
Mountain Road at the Orange Basin bridge.
New Colony Road branches off to the left.*

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2014

The Orange Planning Board has made good use of 2014, a year that concluded with both a valuable accomplishment and a new challenge.

In March, the Board welcomed back Judith Lindahl and George White who both return to the Board having been elected to new 3 year terms.

There was only one land use application submitted to the Planning Board in 2014, a request for a special exception to the Zoning Ordinance to allow a second manufactured home on a lot. As required by the town's regulations, this request was forwarded to the Zoning Board of Adjustment where, after consideration, the application was denied on the grounds that a hardship meriting the exception was not demonstrated.

A proposed amendment to the Orange Zoning Ordinance updating the definition of the term "Junk Yard" that was the subject of a ballot vote on the March 2014 warrant was resoundingly passed by a margin of 104 to 26. The Board's attention then turned back to the revision of the Orange Master Plan to complete the process which had begun in the fall of 2012 and continued through 2013. After much internal review, rewriting and more review, a draft was presented at a public hearing November 18. The audience was sparse but engaged, and several thoughtful comments from the public were incorporated into the final document. The 2014 revision of the Orange Master Plan - a document intended to reflect the vision of the townspeople for the town and to be used as a guide by our land use regulatory boards - was officially adopted on December 16.

Also brought up for discussion were concerns regarding current definitions and regulation of manufactured housing, alternative

dwellings and their septic systems. This subject will be on the agenda to be addressed further in 2015.

In the fall it was brought to the Planning Board's attention that the firm Energais De Portugal plans 29 499-foot tall industrial wind turbines in our area, 7 or 8 of which would be located within the town of Orange. The proposal is known as the Spruce Ridge Wind Project and also includes the towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Groton and Alexandria. The firm has made no formal contact to the town regarding the project as of this writing, but locations for proposed turbines have been filed with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Shortly after this became public, the NH Wind Watch organization contacted the town to ask if the Planning Board would host an informative session regarding industrial wind energy in general and this project in particular. The Board agreed and on December 16 at a regular meeting a well attended session was held. The subject matter included environmental impact, economic impact and the regulatory process.

The Planning Board immediately began review and discussion, the first result of which was four articles that the Board of Selectman voted to add to the 2015 Town Meeting warrant. The primary reason for these is to get sense of the townspeople's perspectives in order to help guide the Board's course(s) of action with regard to this or any other proposed industrial wind projects. It was noted that a number of towns have adopted land use ordinances specifically related to wind energy, a subject that will be discussed early in 2015. It is not the Orange Planning Board that would approve or disapprove this particular project as its size places it under the regulation of the State's Site Evaluation Committee (SEC). However, the town would have opportunity to provide input, and would have at least some authority over the nature of taxation and protection against the costs of decommissioning. Smaller projects, if proposed, could potentially be under the regulatory authority of the Planning Board so we, as a body, feel it is important to ensure that a sound planning process is in place. To the knowledge of the Board, no

formal application to the SEC has yet to be filed for the Spruce Ridge project.

With the potential for this project looming, there is much for the Planning Board to study and learn. Whether your view is that it would be positive or negative, there is no question that the impact of such a development will be extremely significant for Orange and the surrounding environs. The Board hopes that (once again, regardless of viewpoint) our residents will become and remain involved as decisions made regarding this subject may affect us for a very long time.

The Chairman wishes to thank the members of the Planning Board for their commitment and thoughtful considerations to the planning issues that impact the Town of Orange. Thank you also, to Town Attorney Bernie Waugh for once again holding his annual Municipal Law Update and to our Board of Selectmen for their dedication to the town.

The Planning Board holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. Those wishing to be heard formally by the board, whether to discuss a subdivision or boundary adjustment, or any topic of general interest related to planning and zoning may ask to be placed on the agenda by contacting Secretary Robert Proulx at 523-4590, or Chairman Scott Sanborn at 523-7240. The public is always encouraged to attend our meetings, and the Board is pleased to hear questions or comments whether on the agenda or not. It is recommended to check ahead, as meetings may be cancelled if there is no business requiring the board's attention. As the Chairman, I know I can speak on behalf the entire Board when I say that we look forward to continuing to serve the Town of Orange in the year 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Sanborn, Chair

REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT FOR THE YEAR 2014

Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve the Town of Orange as your Road Agent.

Our roads have fared well in 2014. Both the beginning and the end of the calendar year brought more frequent snow and ice storms than we have seen in some time, so expenditures on plowing and sanding were up significantly over past years. I'm sure I don't need to remind anyone that after a lull through much of January 2015, that trend has resumed through early February as I type. Mud season was fairly intense, but short-lived. Happily, summer and fall brought little in the way of extreme weather so washouts and downed trees were minimal.

Improvements were made to shoulders and ditching in a couple of perennial trouble spots on Williams and Peaslee Roads. The major accomplishment for the year was the widening and re-grading of the Town House driveway entrance. A catch basin and new culvert were also added to help prevent stormwater runoff scouring across the base of the entrance, something that has been an ongoing problem. Negotiating the driveway, particularly in slippery conditions is much improved.

Though not specifically a highway project, the "department" also supervised a major re-grading project behind the town house in order for stormwater runoff to better drain away from the building. The work consisted of cutting back the steep cut bank behind the building and installing a dry boulder retaining wall. The retaining wall allows for a steeper face on the bank so the base is further away from the building, which in turn allows for the grade to slope away from the town house at a steeper pitch than before. The wall also prevents sand and gravel from the embankment from sloughing off and collecting at the base which was previously an ongoing problem. Underneath the wall is a stone filled trench with perforated drainage pipe to transport surface water well away from the building. The work was funded

predominately with the last of the moneys that remained from FEMA aid for Tropical Storm Irene.

Also included in this work were efforts to repair some visible cracks in the foundation at the northeasterly corner of the Town House. Upon excavation, the damage was found to be even worse than anticipated. With the expertise and guidance of resident David Stacy, some repairs were made to mitigate the damage, but not all of the underlying causes were able to be addressed within the scope of the work. It may well become necessary to address this issue further at some point in the future.

As in last year's report, I wish to once again bring to the attention of the town the fact that except for the recently resurfaced Tuttle Hill Road and Cross Road, we will soon have little choice but to address our degrading paved roads. The cost is far too much to manage within our typical operating budget, so some combination of capital reserve funding and/or bond will be needed. It is an expensive undertaking, but one that will become more necessary with every passing year.

That aside, the roads are in pretty good shape as we head into 2015. Road-side mowing and some limb and brush clearing is planned, but otherwise no specific long term improvements unless the snow removal costs end up low enough to allocate some funds. After two years of flat funding, a very modest increase of \$500 (about 0.5%) has been requested for highway expenditures for the coming year.

As always, many thanks and much gratitude are due to Richard Remacle and his crew for their top quality work and responsiveness to the towns needs. Thanks also to the Board of Selectmen for their accessibility, confidence and cooperation, to Sandi Pierson for keeping us all in touch with each other and on track, to the residents of Orange for their support, and especially to my wife Laurie for putting up with the sometimes crazy hours and the occasional need to bend schedules to the whim of the weather. To anyone I may have overlooked I extend my apologies and gratitude.

I can be reached by phone at 603-667-8237 or by email at scsanborn@myfairpoint.net at any time with questions, concerns or to report a problem. As most of you probably know, I juggle my duties to the town with my day job so I can't always promise an immediate response except in the case of serious emergencies, but the concerns of the townspeople are important to me and I will continue to do my best to keep our roads safe and well maintained. There is also a much under-utilized service provided to the town by Jay & Dorothy Heinrichs in the form of their community web site www.orangenh.us which includes a discussion page on roads where residents are invited to share their thoughts.

I look forward to hopefully continuing to serve our community in 2015.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Sanborn, Road Agent*



*"Dig a little to the left."
Alfred "Bum" Remacle and Cuckoo hard at work
putting in a new culvert on Town House Road*

2014 REPORT OF THE ORANGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The results of the 2011 Community Survey indicated that the Orange Town House and the area surrounding it is the top priority when it comes to “those special places in Orange that the Town should commit to preserving for future generations.”

In 1895, a plot of land (.27 acre) was purchased by the Town for the sum of ten dollars from Edward M. Pettes, and the town house was erected by residents who gave their services. It was planned so that town meetings were held upstairs and the school was located downstairs, with the playground on the Parade Ground near the church. In 1943, a \$1,200.00 gift from Arthur A. Williams, Sr. paid for repairs made at the town house and its school. The Town House School was closed in June, 1949, and Orange pupils attended school in Canaan.

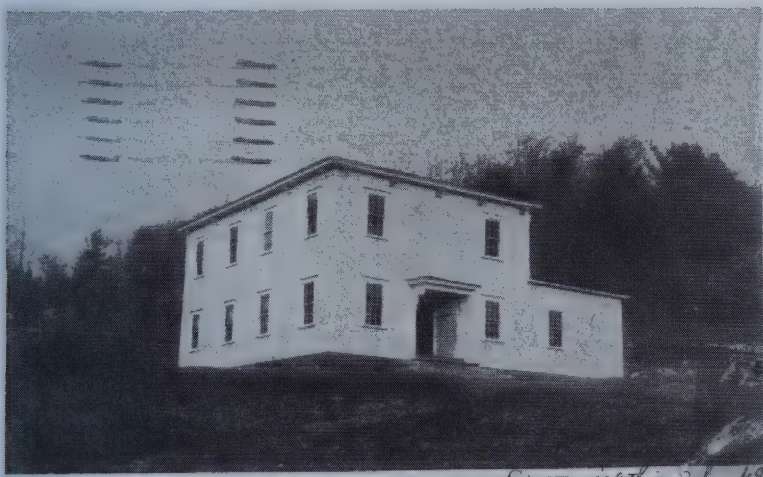
In the late 1980's, a major addition was made to the Town House that nearly doubled the size of the meeting room and provided a kitchen and two bathrooms on the main floor, and provided a new office and a small adjacent conference room in the basement for the Select Board. A handicap entrance was installed to provide access to the main floor.

The Town House is the only municipal building in Orange. It serves as the primary meeting place for the community. The annual town meetings and all elections are held there, and office and meeting space is provided for the Select Board, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Supervisors of the Checklist, Budget Committee, Cemetery Commission, as well as other community groups. Community social events are held at the Town House including the annual Christmas Party, annual Harvest Festival, music and drama events, and pot luck suppers.

In 2006, the Planning Board sent a proposal to the Terhune family which owns the land surrounding the Town House. That proposal outlined the recommendation of the 2004 Master Plan to acquire more land to establish an undeveloped natural woodland buffer around the Town House to protect and preserve the scenic and historic setting in a permanent manner. The Terhune family responded with a very generous offer to donate two acres of their land for that purpose, and the warrant article to accept the two acres was approved by the voters at the 2006 Town Meeting.

One of the recommendations from the Historic Resources chapter of the 2004 Master Plan was: "Since the Town House has both historical significance and architectural integrity, it should be eligible for nomination to the State and National Registers of Historic Places. A committee should be established to begin the extensive research that would be required to complete the nomination forms."

In March of 2014, members of the Orange Historical Commission began the process of placing the Town House on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places. The services of David Ruell, a highly respected architectural



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Town House and School, Orange, N. H.

Recognize this School?

historian, were secured to do the extensive research and to complete the official application for the NH Register of Historic Places. The cost of this project was funded by five generous benefactors and the Orange Historical Commission.

In September, the Orange Historical Commission was officially notified that the Orange Town House was placed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places. In addition, the Town House is now eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

We have reached our goal of recognizing the historical significance of our Town House. It was an exciting adventure that required a great deal of research and dedication. Gary Hamel, Sharon Proulx and Bob Proulx read all of the recorded town records in search of the smallest details that would support our case. We compiled a report of all the meetings that took place in town before 1895. It was our goal to verify that the Orange Town House was the only large meeting place in our history, and that it had historical significance as a meeting house, school, and library.

Our mission of preserving artifacts, old photographs and stories that relate to the history of Orange has continued. The treasure trove of over 3000 early town documents, dating from 1777 to 1888, found in a wooden trunk in a local barn have been organized in chronological order and preserved in archival sleeves in 22 binders. They are now stored in a fireproof document cabinet, purchased in 2014. A display was set up for our 2014 town meeting highlighting some of the recovered documents. The showcase was adorned with new acquisitions and a table was used to display select pages from the binders. Many voters found the displays interesting. Town reports were organized and stored in archival boxes.

In October, thirty-six middle school students from The Sharon Academy, along with teachers and parents, visited our Town House to view and study the Orange Historical Panels and historical displays. The students followed up this visit back at

their school by researching their local town history and producing their own art work.

The Orange Historical Commission is looking forward to 2019 when the citizens of Orange will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the granting of the Town's charter in 1769. With that in mind, we need to focus on recruiting new members. I am pleased to announce that Albert Emerson has agreed to join the Commission. We still have photos to scan, pictures to frame, displays to create, and local memorabilia to collect and preserve. If you have an interest in these activities or would enjoy planning programs for our community, you will be welcomed as a valued member. The Commission needs both financial and volunteer help. If you are interested, please contact Albert Emerson, Gary Hamel, Barbara Smith or Sharon Proulx.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Proulx, Chair*



*At the March 1895 annual town meeting, the townspeople voted
“to build a Town and School house combined.”*

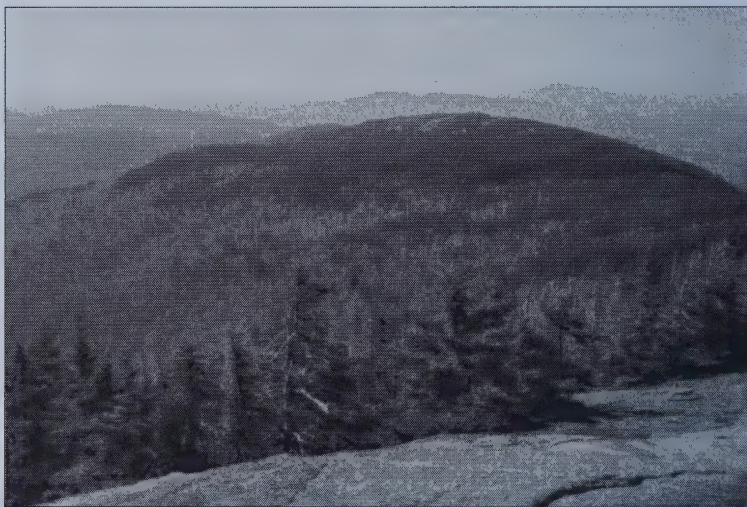
2014 REPORT OF THE ORANGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Many thanks to Scott Lurgio for his leadership as chair of the commission for the last few years. Scott's enthusiasm, dedication and expertise were a great resource to the Conservation Commission and to the Town.

In the coming year the Commission will focus on producing an update of the 2006 Natural Resources Inventory. When you come to Town Meeting or to vote the previous day, you'll find lists of plants and animals that will be posted around the room. Please take a moment to review the lists and mark those plants or animals you have seen in Orange.

We are gathering more Orange-specific information and maps to include in the Natural Resources Inventory, and will share the results with the Town next year. The Commission also plans to host a fun evening on "Orange secrets."

If you are interested in joining the commission or helping with the Natural Resources Inventory update, please contact Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs at nhdorothy@gmail.com or 203.257.2689

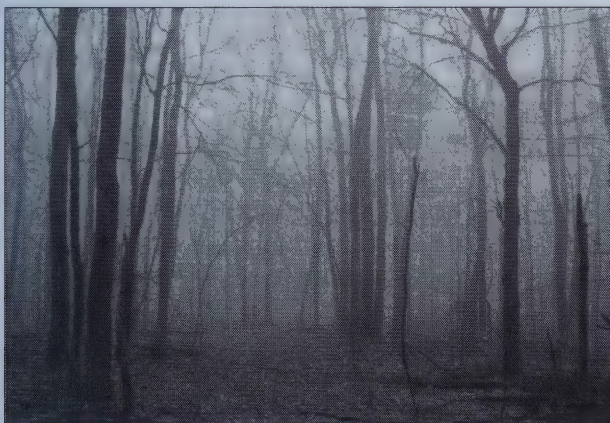


Skyland Ridge

The Commission is also working to support the Town as it deals with a proposed industrial wind power site. An application for such a size was recently filed with the Federal Aviation Administration. According to the GPS coordinates on the application, 8 of the 29 turbines would be positioned on specific northeast and northwest ridges in the town of Orange. Each turbine would stand 499 feet tall.

Industrial wind projects in the Cardigan area has been a significant concern to towns in the Newfound and Mascoma regions. We appreciate that the Orange Select Board and Planning Board have hosted a number of informational meetings regarding this very important issue. Surrounding towns are also hosting open meetings to discuss the many aspects of how industrial wind affects a community—financially, visually, audibly, and ecologically. We encourage residents to attend these meetings and informational sessions. The Orange Conservation Commission will continue to gather information on the potential environmental impact of the proposed project with particular emphasis on unfragmented lands, flyways, endangered or threatened species, and watersheds.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Heinrichs, Chair; David Stacy, Vice Chair;
Jay Heinrichs, Sandi Pierson*



*A November walk at the break of dawn through the
silent, mystical woods on the Pinnacle ridge*

TOWN OF ORANGE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 2014

This is the 22nd year offering scholarships to students living in Orange, graduating from high school and going on to further their education. Students graduating in 2015 should watch for the application and guidelines which will be mailed in February. Return of the application to the Scholarship Committee must be made by May 1, 2015. Graduates from schools other than Mascoma Valley Regional High School should contact the committee directly.

Our year, 2014, was a successful one. We raised more money this past year with less work and had a great turnout of town residents and visitors. We coordinated and set up both the Christmas party and March "pot luck" which preceded the Town Meeting. During Canaan Old Home Days, we rented a space and sold "Mountain Made" edibles of cookies, jam, and dog biscuits. The Fall Festival, started by Pat Mercer, was a fun and successful day. It was greatly supported by organizers Pat White, Pat Mercer, Scott Sanborn and his musical friends, Helen Rocke, and especially our loyal kitchen and grounds crew. Everyone deserves a THANK YOU for all the work and planning they have done. We hope to have the 6th Annual Fall Festival be an even bigger and better one.

It hardly seems possible that 20 years have gone by since we first realized that out of the five towns in the Mascoma School District, Orange was the only town not offering scholarship money to our students. That year, several parents met and began to brainstorm ways to earn money for scholarship. Each year has seen new ideas and changes to our plans. We are presently working with a successful and fun plan.

We never ask for or receive Town money. We are totally self-supporting. We wholeheartedly thank all who continue to pitch in and help. This year, we would like to invite more people to support our cause - education, and the recognition and support of

our graduates. We could use more ideas, plans, and bodies so please consider this an open invitation to join us. Contact anyone on the following member list and join up. We will welcome you with open arms.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Emerson, Beth DiFancesco, Rosemary Haness, Marilyn Johnson, Nancy Pike, Barbara Smith, Edith Sova, Gloria Stevens, Anita Garland, Pat White

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We have awarded 28 scholarships thus far:

- 1995 – *Kimo Johnson* (Tuttle Hill Rd., planted American Liberty elm trees at Town House)
- 1996 – *Lauren Ludwig* (Tuttle Hill Rd., started town flower garden)
- 1997 – *Laura Desrochers* (Cardigan Mt. Rd.)
- 1999 – *Darcy Decato* (Eastman Rd., cleaned Town House)
Kristen Eastman (Eastman Rd., typed candle song for our Christmas parties)
- 2000 – *Ben Stacy* (Tuttle Hill Rd., assisted with BSA Hike-a-Thon)
- 2002 – *Tony Campe* (Cardigan Mt. Rd., roadside clean-up)
Heidi Burns (Cross Rd.)
- 2003 – *Ryan Morancy* (Cardigan Mt. Rd., designed a poster for our Bake Sales)
- 2004 – *James Cross* (Rt. 4, worked at Recycling Center)
Josh Watson (Cross Rd., worked at Recycling Center)
- 2005 – (unclaimed)
- 2006 – *Hillary Adams* (Eastman Rd., MVRHS Future Business Leaders of America project)
- 2007 – *Lyz Hazelton* (Tuttle Hill Rd., created gallery identification cards for art work in Town House)
Krystle Sexton (Tuttle Hill Rd., roadside clean up)

- 2009 – *Matt Jones* (New Colony Rd., raked, re-seeded & fertilized around Town House and flag pole area under the direction of the Road Agent)
Eric Sanborn (Peaslee Rd., swept sand off of bridges, trimmed brush to improve line of sight along roadways, picked up fallen trees under the direction of the road agent)
- 2010 – *Joseph Daley* (Tuttle Hill Rd., helped sell at Old Home Days)
- 2011 – *Jillian Buckwold* (Cross Rd., helped with Harvest Festival)
Emily Hazelton (Tuttle Hill Rd, organized Coffee House Concert)
Steven McAlister (Rt. 4, helped with Harvest Festival)
Stephanie Rose (Tuttle Hill Rd., helped with Old Home Day sales)
Kyra Sanborn (Peaslee Rd., organized Coffee House Concert)
- 2012 - *Hannah Arnold* (Tuttle Hill Rd., cleaned and refreshed the flower beds at the Town House)
Marcello Shelzi (Tuttle Hill Rd., scanned historic photographs for future use)
- 2013 - *Victoria Mackalinaw* (Route 4, roadside cleanup)
Chris Sanborn (Peaslee Rd. Fall Harvest Festival kitchen help)
- 2014 - *Sam Jones* (New Colony Rd., worked for several years in Fall Festival kitchen)
Lyndsay Thompson (Cross Rd., helped for several years with Fall Festival silent auction)

2014 REPORT OF THE STATE POLICE

I would like to take this opportunity to communicate to the residents of Orange a report of activity of the calls for service that the State Police have responded to in your community during the last year. This will hopefully provide you with a good baseline and understanding of the present law enforcement needs that currently exist within the community, as well as serving as a guide to determine what level of law enforcement resources the community desires based upon the current trends and expectations of the residents as they look forward to the future.

Currently the State Police respond to calls as requested as part of our regular patrol duties. During 2014 the State Police responded to and investigated the following calls for service in the town of Orange:

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 6	Burglary: 2
Welfare Check: 2	Burglar Alarm: 10
Request for Service: 4	911 Hang-up: 3
Paperwork Service: 3	Missing person : 1
Suspicious Vehicle: 1	Sex Offender Registration: 5
Roadway Obstruction: 1	Theft: 3
Criminal Threatening: 1	Motor Vehicle Related: 11
Miscellaneous: 12	Security Check: 1

Total Calls: 66

In closing, it has been our pleasure to serve the residents of Orange during the past year and we look forward to assisting you with your law enforcement requests in 2015.

Respectfully,
Lt. Todd Landry
Commander- Troop F

	2011	2012	2013	2014
<i>Calls</i>	95	82	83	66

2014 REPORT OF THE ORANGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Cemetery Trustees will present to the town a revised edition of the Cemetery Regulations to be voted on. They were last updated in March of 1987. Copies are available for review.

There was one monument repaired in the French Cemetery at no charge. It was covered under the previous year's repairs.

In 2015 we are going to explore the possible enlargement of the Church Cemetery to possibly include green burials and dispersal of ashes.

We are glad to have Ed Saulen return to work at his full capacity as Cemetery Agent.

*Respectfully Submitted;
Pat Mercer, Lyell "Skip" Smith, and Anita Garland
Orange Cemetery Trustees*



*Santa's elves hard
at work making
Gary Jaybirds for
the annual
Christmas party*



REPORTS OF THE HEALTH AGENCIES SUPPORTED BY THE TOWN OF ORANGE

VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. Our services include offering public wellness and flu clinics, in addition to free community trauma bereavement services following disasters.

Visiting Nurse & Hospice clients are of all ages, from all backgrounds, and at all stages in life. The one commonality is a desire to be cared for at home in case of illness and injury. Just like the local rescue squad or fire department, Visiting Nurse & Hospice provides a measure of security, a safety net for the community. By keeping residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Last year Visiting Nurse & Hospice made approximately 150,000 home visits to over 5,000 patients in 140 communities, resulting in over 4 million dollars in unreimbursed charges for care to individuals.

In Orange, we made 110 homecare visits to residents last year. Services included home visits to residents with short-term medical or physical needs, home visits to residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home, home visits to residents who were in the final stages of their lives, and home visits to residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care. Additionally, Orange residents made visits to

Visiting Nurse & Hospice community wellness clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

We are grateful to the Town of Orange for partnering with the Visiting Nurse & Hospice to ensure that the town's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, people with terminal illnesses, those recovering from a major surgery or illness, mothers with high-risk pregnancies, children with high-tech medical needs, and the uninsured and underinsured – have access to skilled home health care and support.

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Canaan and Lebanon as well as six other communities; operates adult in-home care from offices in Lebanon and Haverhill; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, counseling, elder care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2013-2014, 18 older residents of Orange were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center, and 9 Orange residents were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Orange enjoyed 1,380 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room as well as home delivered meals.
- Orange residents accessed GCSCC transportation services on 118 occasions to access medical care, shopping, or other services, including the Senior Center for meals and activities.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 64 visits with a trained outreach worker or contacts with ServiceLink
- Orange's citizens volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 780 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Orange residents in 2013-2014 was \$15,860.28.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Orange's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

MASCOMA VALLEY HEALTH INITIATIVE

MVHI is a nonprofit health organization serving the Upper Valley of New Hampshire. Our goal is to protect and promote the health of our community. MVHI was formed in 2001 with the mission of improving the health of the residents of five rural Mascoma Valley towns, and has grown to serve the towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Grantham, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orange, Orford, Piermont, and Plainfield. Our goal is to partner with community members and organizations who share our commitment to community health, to build a strong and effective public health system that serves the needs of the residents of the Upper Valley.

For the past three years, MVHI has been facilitating the development of the Upper Valley Public Health Advisory Council (UVPHAC). In February, 2013 the leadership team for the UVPHAC was assembled. It meets monthly to shape the structure and function of UVPHAC and to begin looking for opportunities for increased collective action.

Our plans for 2015 include the following:

Upper Valley Public Health Collaboration: We will continue to facilitate and support the Upper Valley Public Health Advisory Council (UVPHAC) in order to find ways to leverage our efforts across agencies and disciplines, to share good ideas, and generate new thinking.

Immunization Program: We will continue to host free flu clinics for our residents, and we will continue to work with the State of New Hampshire and the UVPHAC to support school-based flu vaccine clinics to protect our youth.

Indian River Youth 2 Youth Program and Mascoma Valley Prevention Network: We will continue to implement the Y2Y Program and the Parent Pledge Initiative in order to provide education to youth and parents about the importance of preventing alcohol and drug use among youth, and resources to help parents and other adults to find effective approaches.

Mascoma Valley Prevention Network: MVPN is a community-based substance abuse prevention coalition with leadership from MVHI, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Mascoma Valley Regional School District, and local PTA's. The goal of the coalition is to reduce the harm caused by abuse of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs.

For 2015, we are requesting financial support from all 12 towns and municipalities in our region at the level of 75 cents per capita. Based on this formula, our funding request of the Town of Orange (population: 327) is \$245.00

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF NH (CASA)

CASA is a statewide, nonprofit organization that recruits, screens and trains volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in New Hampshire courts. As these children navigate the confusion of the courts and foster care systems, CASA's guardians ad litem help to insure their best interests are always being considered. Because CASA volunteers carry only one or two cases at a time, they are able to create a clear picture of the child's needs so they end up in a safe, permanent home.

The children CASA serves come from communities across the state, including Orange. In Grafton County, CASA served 76 children last year. This number includes children who attend your schools, use local resources, and live with foster parents or with extended family members in your community.

CASA volunteers also come from across the state and donate many miles and hours to fulfill their duties. Thanks to the financial support from the Town of Orange, CASA currently supervises 30 Grafton County volunteers. In 2014, these volunteers travelled 33,241 miles and spent 3,279 hours speaking up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

UPPER VALLEY HAVEN

We continue to keep the core programs of Food, Shelter, Education, Clothing and Case Management our primary focus. Together, we work each day to unravel poverty and then reshape and strengthen lives through those five core programs.

Everyone wants and hopes for a safe place in their community where people facing enormous challenges can get help and relief; a place that will do the hard work of providing basic needs for those who are marginalized and misunderstood. What would our community be like if the Haven did not exist?

Together, in fiscal year 2014, we helped over 12,000 individuals with emergency resources and lasting solutions.

We are honored to have been chosen by the citizens of Orange to support our many programs in the past. We hope that you choose the Haven - an organization built by the community, for the community - again this fiscal year.

WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated community mental health center for Orange, as well as Sullivan and Southern Grafton counties. Our mission is “to reduce the burden of mental illness and to improve the quality of life in our community. We commit ourselves to provide services that are safe, effective, client-centered, timely and efficient.” Last year, West Central Behavioral Health experienced severe state budget cuts, regional economic hardship, and an increased need for services by uninsured or under-insured clients. West Central Behavioral Health is committed to making quality mental health services available to all people in the communities we serve regardless of their ability to pay.

Our clients suffer from a wide range of disorders and illnesses including psychosis, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and all forms of addiction. We also see patients with anxiety, depression, and other impairing but highly treatable conditions. We work with all ages in outpatient clinics, homes, nursing homes, jails, schools and a residential supported living program, and offer a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management and emergency consultations.

In fiscal year 2014, West Central Behavioral Health received an appropriation of \$330.00 from the Town of Orange. During that year, West Central provided therapeutic services to 11 Orange residents, including four children.

TRI-COUNTY CAP

Tri-County CAP is a trusted private non-profit that has been serving the 3 most northern counties of New Hampshire for 48 years. The Upper Valley Community Contact Office of the Tri-County Community Action Program provides many essential services to low-income and elderly citizens of Orange and the surrounding New Hampshire towns:

- Weatherization
- (L.I.H.E.A.P.) Fuel Assistance
- New Hampshire Electric Discount Assistance
- Referrals and coordination with other agencies when citizens are in need
- Educational programs and speakers bureau on homelessness and poverty

Tri-County CAP provided \$5,293.00 in direct services and assistance to 6 households in the Town of Orange last year.

Health agency compilation courtesy of Bob Proulx



District 5 Schoolhouse

*(Located on the Collins/Laine property on Tuttle Hill Road)
Orange once had as many as seven local school districts,
each with its own one-room schoolhouse.
(Photo from Historic Register application)*

TRASH AND RECYCLING REPORT

2014

Non-recyclable trash collected: 78.85 tons
ZeroSort Recyclables collected: 29.26 tons
(Large trash pickup tonnage not available)
Northeast Waste charge: \$30,477.61

2013

Non-recyclable trash collected: 87.43 tons (includes 9.07 tons of non-recyclable large trash pick-up)
ZeroSort Recyclables collected: 33.99 tons (includes 1.25 large trash recyclable metal)
Northeast Waste charge: \$33,588.37

2012

Non-recyclable trash collected: 86.57 tons (includes 8.64 tons of large trash pick-up)
ZeroSort Recyclables collected: 34.10 tons
Northeast Wastes charge: \$32,167.52



Shrek, the Musical

Students from Orange excelled in this delightful Mascoma Players production directed by David Wilson. Sam Jones played the celebrated Shrek, Ben Makalinaw played the Donkey, and Alaina Shelzi played Pinocchio. Music accompanists included David Wilson on the guitar and Scott Sanborn on the keyboard.
(Photos courtesy of David Wilson)

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 2014

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

This past fire season started in early April with the first reported fire on April 7th. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, began very dry with unseasonably dry conditions continuing through the entire month. This dry pattern continued through the first half of May. 80% of our reported fires this season occurred during this six week period. The largest fire was 24 acres, occurring in the town of Tamworth. From mid May through early September, above average rainfall kept our total acreage burned statewide at 72 acres. This is the smallest amount of acreage burned statewide in several years. Late August through late September though brought a dry trend to northern areas, resulting in several deep-burning remote fires. Our fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and

accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2014 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state’s Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

FIRE STATISTICS

(Not including White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS 2013 Jan.-Nov.			COUNTY STATISTICS 2014 Jan.-Nov.	
County	Acres	# of Fires	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	14.5	11	3.1	5
Carroll	56.5	7	24	4
Cheshire	11	19	6.8	7
Coos	8.5	29	5.3	18
Grafton	22.3	41	8.2	32
Hillsborough	9.5	25	6.1	20
Merrimack	11.2	24	15.5	11
Rockingham	4.3	4	1.1	8
Strafford	1	11	0.4	5
Sullivan	5.2	11	1.5	2

2014 causes of fires reported: arson: 2; debris: 52; campfire: 10; children: 2; smoking: 5; railroad: 0; equipment: 5; lightning: 1; misc: 35 (power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

YEAR	FIRES	ACRES		YEAR	FIRES	ACRES
2014	112	72		2010	360	145
2013	182	144		2009	334	173
2012	318	206		2008	455	175
2011	125	42		2007	437	212

CANAAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

2014 REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF ORANGE

COLLECTION

Adult Books	17,029	Juvenile Books	10,701
Total Books	27,730	Adult Videos	669
Juvenile Videos	269	Total Videos	938
Adult Audios	543	Juvenile Audios	155
Total Audios	698	Magazines	746
Music CDs	517	Artifacts	84
Museum Passes	6		

CIRCULATION

Total items checked out of the library: 43,626 (Includes all items checked out of library, plus, internet usage, downloaded audio and ebooks, database usage and Interlibrary Loans.)

Internet Usage: Individual Sessions: 1,606

Wireless Sessions: 780, Total: 2,386

The wireless service is also available when the library is not open, to allow our patrons 24/7 access.

Downloadable Audio Books:

Audio books downloaded: 1,319; E Books downloaded: 1,556.

The library pays to belong to the Downloadable Audio Book Consortium through the NH State Library. Our patrons have access to over 8000 titles. This is double over last year.

Database Searches

EBSCO (magazines) 2,515

Heritage Quest (genealogy) 733

Inter-Library Loans: Loaned to other libraries: 623; Borrowed by our patrons: 866

Number of materials circulated to Orange Borrowers: 2,155 (5.06% of circulation).

REGISTERED BORROWERS

As of December 31, 2014: 2,893. Registered Borrowers from Orange: 143 (4.94% of card holders). Some families share a library card, 143 cards in 2014 is actually 163 users.

Population of Orange: 331 (2010 census data from NH Office of Energy and Planning). Forty-three percent of Orange residents are Canaan Library card holders.

Libraries throughout New Hampshire offer a variety of entertainment and educational materials to taxpayers at a very economical rate. How much would they need to pay out-of-pocket if they purchased their books, movies and other library services in stores? The NH Library Use Calculator is based on the spreadsheet developed by the Massachusetts Library Association and adapted for web use by the Maine State Library, the Chelmsford Public Library and the Chelsea Memorial Library.

In 2014, Orange users of the Canaan Town Library made up 4.94% of total patrons. They would have paid \$21,967.09 out of pocket for the services they received from the library. Library Use Calculator can be found at www.canaanlibrary.org.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library we were able to add more Museum Passes to our library collection. Library patrons are now able to visit Billings Farm, VINS, the Shelburne Museum, the Mass MoCA, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Currier Museum of Art free of charge or at a discounted rate with our membership. We have also introduced Caboodles; family fun kits that include games, music, stories, art projects and puzzles for the whole family to enjoy.

WHAT IS OFFERED AT THE CANAAN LIBRARY:

Audio Books	Adult Book Group
Book Sales	Children's Craft Programs
Children's Story Hour	Community Group Meeting Space
DVDs	Downloadable Audio Books
Downloadable eBooks	Free Cable Internet Access
Friends of the Library	Genealogy Assistance
Handicap Accessibility	Inter-Library Loan
Kill-A-Watt Meters	Knitting Needles
Large Print Materials	Library Website
Local Artist Exhibits	Meetinghouse Readings
Online Card Catalog	Online Databases

Online Encyclopedia	Photocopying
Reference Assistance	Rubber Stamps
School Class Visits	Story Hour
Tax Materials	Volunteering Opportunities
Wireless Internet Access	Writers Group
Programming (author visits, speakers, etc.)	
Summer Reading Program (Adult)	
Summer Reading Program (Children)	
Museum Passes	

Library hours are: Monday 3pm-8pm, Tuesday 1pm-8pm ,
Wednesday 1pm-8pm, Thursday 1pm-5pm, Friday 9am-12pm,
Saturday 9am-3pm

Find the Library Online at:
www.facebook.com/CanaanTownLibraryNH
www.librarything.com/home/Canaanlibrary
www.canaanlibrary.org

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Thurber, Canaan Librarian

Did you know....

- ✓ When a library was founded in Orange in 1894, it was always kept at the librarian's home.
- ✓ In 1953 the Orange library moved to the second story of the Town House.
- ✓ In 1976 the Orange Historical Museum, established during the nation's Bicentennial, joined the library on the second story.
- ✓ In 1992 the townspeople voted to close the Orange library.
- ✓ Orange residents now use the Canaan Public Library which receives an annual appropriation from Orange.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2014

At the time of this report, the audit of the Selectboard is still pending. The audit should be performed in the near future once their reports are complete and ready for review. The Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee of Trust Funds have all been audited, with no adjustments required. I believe their reports as presented are an accurate reflection of the financial position of the Town of Orange for the year ending December 31, 2014.

Once the audit of all functions is complete, the MS-60 audit Report will be filed with the Selectboard. At that point, any recommendations as a result of this year's audit will be available to any interested resident of the Town. All recommendations will also be included in next year's Town Report as required by RSA 21-J:19.

Per RSA 21-J:19, "the summary of findings and recommendations of the auditors shall be published in the next annual report following the fiscal year in which the audit was completed." We have therefore listed all the recommendations that resulted from the 2013 audit below this year's report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Souza
Auditor, Town of Orange

Auditors' recommendations as a result of the 2013 audit as reported on MS-60 to the DRA

Observations – Part 1. General Ledger & Financial Records

Audit of Selectboard's numbers should be done prior to publication in Town Report. We strongly recommend the Selectboard have their financial reports ready by mid-February so the auditors can review them prior to publication in the Annual Town Report. We also recommend the MS-5 be completed by more than one Selectboard member. The task of completing the MS-5 can be onerous and sharing the task will also help to catch mistakes prior to the audit.

Observations – Part 2. Treasurer

There were some discrepancies in the reported annual receipts between the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk due to different revenue categories which each was tracking.

We recommend that the Treasurer and the Town Clerk agree on the revenue categories tracked and make sure that they agree on a monthly basis.

Observations - Part 3. Tax Collector

No recommended changes

Observations - Part 4. Trustees

Recommend the Trustee of Trust Funds research the beginning balances of the funds.

Recommend researching the original intent of each fund to verify that the funds are used in accord with the intent.

Observations - Part 5. Town Clerk

Town Clerk and Treasurer need to make sure they are tracking the same categories of revenue and that they match monthly.



University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

Annual Report 2014

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy. Based in the Grafton County office in North Haverhill, we reach our audiences through a combination of traditional and modern methods, including Facebook and Twitter.

A cross section of our impacts during the past year is listed below.

- A unique memorandum of understanding between the Division of Forests and Lands and the UNH
- Cooperative Extension Natural Resources Program was renewed for the seventh time since 1925.
- Deb Maes worked with a group of volunteers in the Plymouth/ Holderness area to protect the Livermore Falls section of the Baker River.
- Dave Falkenham assisted private landowners with understanding and management of forest dynamics on 5,700 acres of private forest in Grafton County.
- Heather Bryant completed an overwintering onion trial, a small winter greens trial, a tomato fertility trial and a disease resistant outdoor tomato trial.
- Donna Lee initiated two SPIN (Special Interest) 4-H groups; Sign Language and GPS Navigation in the Woods.
- Michal Lunak Coordinated state-wide day-long workshops for producers on Improving Milk Quality, improving forage quality and working effectively with slaughterhouses.
- Kathy Jablonski, 4-H Healthy Living, has sponsored Choose Health: Food, Fun and Fitness in three locations in the state. 4-H Healthy Living now has a web presence. Check

out the resources and information at:

<http://extension.unh.edu/4-HYouth-Family/4-H-Healthy-Living>

- Lisa Ford has been engaging parents, youth, and seniors to learn healthy eating and physical activity practices.

Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter and on-line at www.extension.unh.edu

Respectfully submitted:

David Falkenham, County Office Administrator



Melissa and Kylie Ells get ready for the holiday season with two of their prize Guernsey's at Golden Valley Farm on Brock Hill Road. Melissa and Kylie are active 4-H participants and show their Guernsey's all around New England including the Eastern States Exposition.



UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards since 1963, when it was formed as the Upper Valley Development Council. The Commission is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire created to coordinate inter-municipal planning, act as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies, and to provide advisory technical assistance on land use and development issues. The Commission serves 27 communities in Grafton, Sullivan, and Merrimack County.

In 2014, the Commission was engaged in more than 30 local, regional and statewide planning projects. The year was highlighted by the completion of the draft UVLSRPC Regional Plan (available online at regionalplan.uvlsrpc.org). The vision, goals, and strategies presented in the plan are the result of the largest public outreach process ever undertaken by the UVLSRPC. Public input included guidance from the UVLSRPC Regional Plan Advisory Committee, analysis of the 27 municipal master plans from the region's communities, participation at special events around the region, meetings with municipal leaders, an online forum specific to the UVLSRPC region, and a telephone survey of residents of the region. While the UVLSRPC Regional Plan is advisory in nature, purpose, and effect, the plan is intended to strengthen the decision-making capacity of local governments by providing information and guidance that can support municipal master plans and policies.

The Commission also adopted the UVLSRPC Regional Broadband Plan in 2014. Broadband access remains a substantial challenge for both rural communities and businesses in our region. The Broadband Plan details the availability of (and gaps in) broadband services throughout our region, and identifies a

series of strategies to achieve 20 Mbps Download/10 Mbps Upload speeds in all areas of our region by 2020. The Regional Broadband Plan is available online at www.uvlsrc.org.

Christine Frost, who had served as Executive Director of the UVLSRPC since 2007, departed to become the Executive Director of the North Country Council. Rachel Ruppel, the Commission's GIS Coordinator since 2007, relocated to Bend, Oregon with her family. Similarly, Yutian Zhang, the Commission's Finance Manager since 2009, relocated to New Jersey with his family. We thank Christine, Rachel, and Yutian for all of their contributions to the Commission and wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors! Nathan Miller, the Commission's Planning Director, was promoted to Executive Director in March 2014. The Commission also welcomed Gregori Somoff as Finance Manager, Amber Boland as GIS Coordinator, and Meghan Butts as Assistant Planner.

Please feel free to contact me at (603) 448-1680 or e-mail me at nmiller@uvlsrc.org to share your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Nathan Miller, AICP, Executive Director

Did you know....

- ✓ When the voters approved to build the Town House in 1895, it was reported that “many of the townsmen have signed a paper agreeing to give from 2 to 6 days of work towards building.”
- ✓ William H. Welch, a carpenter and builder from Canaan, was the overseer of its construction.
- ✓ The first recorded official use of the Town House was a meeting to choose jurors on September 14, 1895.
- ✓ In 1911 a shed was added to the southeast corner of the Town House. It was later used for storage and a three-hole privy.

TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2014

Town Meeting was opened at 11:00 AM on March 11, 2014 with election of officers, and consideration of, and approve the amendment to the Orange Zoning Ordinance, put forth by the Planning Board, in order to bring the definition of “Junk Yard” into conformity with state law, 60% of the votes is required, and consideration of the Mascoma Valley Regional School District Warrant. Voting hours end at 7:00 PM, Town Meeting to continue on March 12, 2014 at 7 PM with the remainder of the town warrant articles.

March 12, 2014: Town Meeting was canceled tonight due to inclement weather. (snow storm)

March 13, 2014 Town Meeting opened with Dan Hazelton, Moderator, greeting the residents and introducing Shawn Tanguay, Town Council representative, to the hall. David Stacy was asked to lead the “Pledge of Allegiance”. A moment of silence was held for three town members that had passed away this past year. Charles Barnum, Alan Dube, and Norman Hadley. Dan asked the hall if anyone attending was NOT a registered voter to raise their hand. We will proceed with the verbal “I” to conduct the meeting.

ARTICLE 1: Election results of town officers held on Tuesday March 11, 2014. RESULTS:

Moderator: Dan Hazelton – 2 year term 104 votes

Selectman: Pat Mercer – 3 year term 68 votes

Town Clerk: Sophie Seace – 1 year term 137 votes

Treasurer: Henry Minasian – 1 year term 105 votes

Supervisor of the Checklist: Beth DiFrancesco - 6 year term
130 votes

Auditor:

Cemetery Trustee: Lyell Smith – 3 year term 75 votes

Planning Board (2 openings): Judith Lindahl – 3 year term 111 votes; George White – 3 year term 119 votes
Budget Committee: Robert Proulx – 3 year term 132 votes
Trustee of the Trust Funds: Gloria Stevens - 3 year term 136 votes
Road Agent: Scott Sanborn – 1 year term 138 votes
Deeding agent: Sharon Proulx – 1 year term 132 votes
Tax Collector: Sharon Proulx – 1 year term 129 votes
Overseer of Public Welfare: Pat Mercer – 1 year term 115
Cemetery Agent: Edwin Saulen – 1 year term 120 votes

ARTICLE 2: (official ballot) To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment to the Orange Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, in order to bring the definition of “Junk Yard” into conformity with state law. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

Are you In favor of the amendment to the Orange Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The amendment will replace the current definition of “junk yard” as contained in article X of the Ordinance, with the following:

“Junk Yard” shall have the same meaning as set forth in RSA 236:112,I, as amended, namely a place used for storing and keeping, or storing and selling, trading, or otherwise transferring old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber debris, waste, or junked, dismantled, or wrecked motor vehicles, or parts thereof, iron, steel, or other old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous material. Without in any way diminishing the generality of the foregoing, the term includes, but is not limited to the following types of junk yards:

- (a) Automobile recycling yards, meaning a motor vehicle junk yard, as identified in subparagraph (c), the primary purpose of which is to salvage multiple motor vehicle parts and materials for recycling or reuse;
- (b) Machinery junk yards, as defined in RSA 236:112,III, namely any yard or field used as a place of storage in which there is displayed to the public view, junk machinery or scrap metal that occupies an area of 500 square feet; and
- (c) Motor vehicle junk yards, meaning any place not

including the principal place of business of any motor vehicle dealer registered with the director of motor vehicles under RSA 261:104 and controlled under RSA 236:126, where the following are stored or deposited in a quantity equal in bulk to 2 or more motor vehicles:

(1) Motor vehicles which are no longer intended or in condition for legal use according to their original purpose including motor vehicles purchased for the purpose of dismantling the vehicles for parts or for use of the metal for scrap; and/or

(2) Used parts of motor vehicles or old iron, metal, glass, paper, cordage, or other waste or discarded or secondhand material which has been a part, or intended to be a part, of any motor vehicle.

VOTE: Article 2 passed by official ballot vote: 104 votes for, 26 votes against.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.

MOVED: Dorothy Heinrichs SECOND: Scott Sanborn
VOTE: PASSED

Article 4: To see if the

Town will authorize the tax collector to accept the prepayment of taxes pursuant to RSA 80:52-a. Taxpayers shall be allowed to prepay taxes no more than two years in advance of the due date of the taxes. No interest shall accrue to the taxpayer on any payments, not shall any interest be paid to the taxpayer on any prepayment which is later subject to rebate or refund.

Discussion: Sharon Proulx explained that some people like to pay their property taxes monthly or quarterly instead of paying a large sum at one time. This article allows them to do that.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate approximately \$27,602.36 for the purpose of construction,

reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment, said amount to be offset by the Highway Block Grant (estimated to be \$27,602.36). Said amount to be included in article 12.

MOVED: Scott Sanborn

SECOND: Judith Lindahl

VOTE: PASSED

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid into the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0012 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.

MOVED: Dorothy Heinrichs

SECOND: Donald Pfaefflin

VOTE: PASSED

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0015 (opened 06/20/2007) for the purpose of Town House building improvements.

MOVED: Betty Fulton

SECOND: Judith Lindahl

VOTE: PASSED

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0014 opened 05/08/2007 for the purpose of a revaluation of property.

MOVED: Scott Sanborn

SECOND: Robert Proulx

VOTE: PASSED

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand (\$2,000.00) to be paid into the Town Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0013 opened 06/26/2007 for the purpose of maintaining Town roads.

MOVED: Dorothy Heinrichs

SECOND: Scott Sanborn

VOTE: PASSED

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Town Document Preservation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0016 opened

05/08/2007 for the purpose of restoring and preserving Town documents.

MOVED: Betty Fulton SECOND: Donald Pfaefflin

Discussion: Robert Proulx stated that Town documents are stored in his home for the Planning Board and the Tax Collector. These should be stored at the Town House in a fire proof cabinet. Right now we have one cabinet that the Town bought in 2005 that is now full of older documents that have been preserved and some that were recently found in a local barn. Hopefully the Town can purchase another cabinet to take the overflow that the State requires the Town to keep.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred (\$500.00) to be paid into the Cemetery Monument Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0018 opened in 2012 for the purpose of cleaning and repairing cemetery monuments.

MOVED: Robert Ells SECOND: Scott Sanborn

Discussion; Judith Lindahl asked if the fund is restricted to stone repair or could some money could be used for tree work? Robert Proulx explained that the fund is limited to care of the stones.

Gloria Stevens asked how much is in the fund now? Mr Proulx said \$1,000.00.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$227,264.00, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, for the ensuing year for general operations.

MOVED: Dorothy Heinrichs SECONDED: Scott Sanborn

Discussion; David Como asked if the figure in article #5 was included in this figure. Dorothy answered, yes, the last four years the Town has come in under budget. David Como asked where the extra money went to? Sandi Pierson, Selectmen secretary, referred David to the Town Report. Robert Proulx supplied a report from the Budget Committee explaining how they reach the figures for the budget. Left over money goes into

the general fund, (often referred to as the “black Box”). These monies are used by the town to lower the tax rate.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 13: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dan Hazelton used this time to thank the election staff that worked on Tuesday. He also thanked George White for being his Assistant Moderator in January when he was unable to do it. Dan also thanked George White for posting signs around town to notify people that Town Meeting was cancelled for Wednesday night.

He also thanked Pat White for using her informational email list titled “Orange News” to notify the town of the change.

Dan thanked Dorothy Heinrichs for her service to the Town as Select Board member for the past three years. Robert Proulx thanked Sandi Pierson for the great job she did on this years’ Town Report. Sandi Pierson thanked Tessa Michetti for her service as Town Treasurer. Dorothy Heinrichs thanked Sandi Pierson from the Select Board for her service.

Henry Minasian recommended that the Select Board not to ask the Treasurer to transfer monies to the Capital Reserve Funds until the latter part of the year. Very little money was earned this past year in interest. Robert Proulx asked that the other funds voted this evening be sent to the recipients immediately. These include the Library, fire department, ambulance and all health organizations. Dan asked all candidates that won in this years’ election stay after the meeting to be sworn in.

Meeting adjourned: 7:43 PM

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Sophie L. Seace
Orange Town Clerk*

VITAL STATISTICS 2014

Births:

There were no births on record in 2014.

Marriages:

There were no marriages on record in 2014.

Deaths:

Alan Dube, died January 18, 2014 at Canaan, NH
Son of Clovis and Beverly (Goss) Dube

Charles Barnum, died January 19, 2014 at Hanover, NH
Son of Leon and Sadie (Flanders) Barnum
Veteran of the Korean War



"Let them eat cake!"

Bill and Cecile Williams offer a big thank you to a number of people in town and local emergency services for their caring and assistance following the loss of their home due to fire. They have since rebuilt and are enjoying their new lovely and spacious home.

After chores....

Firescrew Forest

Once when visiting Cardigan Mountain Orchard in Alexandria, the owner told me they were once in Orange. Decades later I realized that what she meant was that her farm was actually located in the Town of Orange (then called Cardigan) before a great portion of the town was annexed to Alexandria in 1820. Apparently the folks on the east side of Cardigan Mountain found it too daunting to connect to the town center. Many other towns were adjusting boundary lines at that time but none of them were as significant as this vast untamed wilderness that shifted from Orange to Alexandria. In fact, it was discussed at Orange town meetings of 1851, 1852 and 1853 whether or not to dissolve the entire town of Orange into Grafton, Groton, and Canaan.



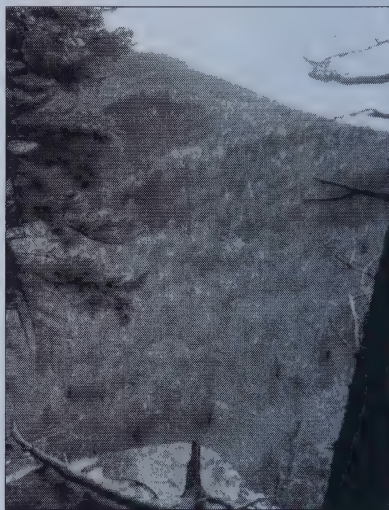
1795 Carey map showing the original span
of the Town of Cardigan, now Orange.

Note how many of the other town names have also changed.

Eventually a good portion of this 1820 annexed land would become part of yet a greater expanse on both sides of the town line which would become Mount Cardigan State Forest and the Appalachian Mountain Club Reservation. This area totals over 7000 contiguous, wilderness acres, with 5000 of it in Orange.

When the great annexation happened, the end result made the eastern boundary line of Orange appear somewhat like a disproportionate staircase. As one “steps down” from the north, each stair broadens the width of the town. One day while flipping through the town tax maps, my eye caught something interesting. A nice-acre parcel snug within the most northern “step” was owned neither by Cardigan State Forest nor the AMC. It was, in fact, own by the Town of Orange. Straightaway this unexpected and peculiar discovery of a small town forest wholly swallowed up within 7000 acres fascinated me and without delay prepared for the hunt.

The following day was sunny and warm so my four-footed hiking comrade Cuckoo and I went in search of our quarry armed with snacks, compass, and USGS topographical and Cardigan survey maps. At this point the only thing we knew was that our town forest lay somewhere on the northern flank of Firescrew Mountain, thus we headed in that direction via New Colony Road. We began on the Orange Cove Trail to the junction of Elwell and Mowglis trails at Cilley’s Cave. Leaving the height of land, we dropped steeply on the Elwell Trail into the depths of the great bowl of land between Cilley’s Cave and Hanging Rock. Our hope was to find a town boundary marker on the nearby Back 80 Trail that was

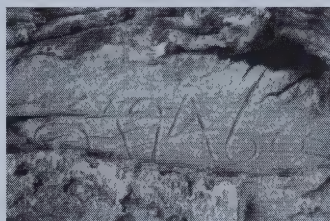


On the edge of the precipice, we then dropped down into the depths of the great bowl of land to the foot of Firescrew Mountain.

shown on the Cardigan survey map. If this could be located, the compass would do the rest because the survey had defined bearings that bordered the town forest on two sides. If this starting point could not be found, it would simply be a pleasant day spent in the woods.

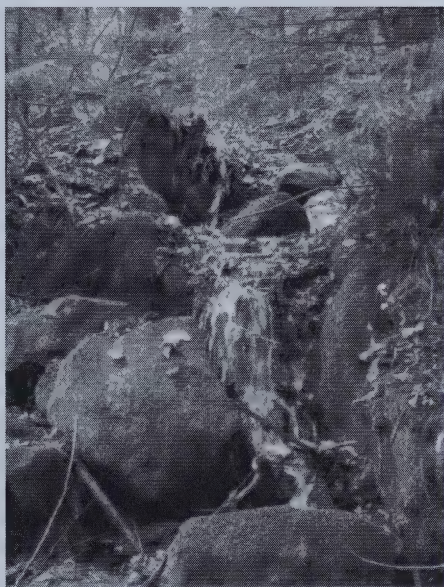
Not too far into the Back 80 I was delighted not only to find a pile of boundary rocks with an iron pin but also a 1946

perambulation marking skillfully carved into a now-fallen tree. Compass bearings were set and we left the comfort and surety of the trail for the unknown. The mission was to locate the Cardigan



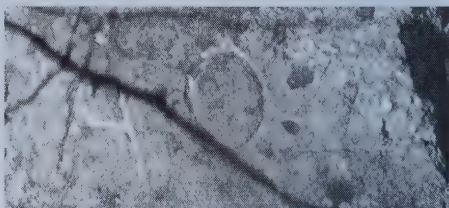
Forest corner about six-tenths of a mile in where hopefully another boundary marker could be found. Because it was essential to unerringly walk the exact compass bearing, I was promptly beat up by a thick tangle of moosewood and saturated in boggy wetlands. Heading gently uphill, the thick snarl

eventually transformed into a lovely forest of predominant beech with very little undergrowth. Colossal post-glacial, mossy boulders were scattered about as were old growth trees, and small brooks splashed down the mountainside. This was Eden, and as we progressed up the side of Firescrew Mountain I was elated to eventually find the iron pin that positively identified the western boundary of our town forest in such a pristine environment.



Cascading brooks in the town forest are part of the Newfound Lake watershed

Here we had our lunch and drank our fill from the nearby brook. Far removed from the social order, nature's quietude was splendid with our only sounds being the cascading waters and a Downy woodpecker drumming away in the distance. Finally we packed up and continued our walkabout in reverse. I followed the exact compass bearing back for bit knowing that at some point we had crossed a second town line into Orange, which is the northern boundary of our forest. It wasn't long before my eye caught sight of a small cluster of half buried stones. I was stunned to discover A/O chiseled into one of the stones denoting another corner of the town forest. Happy with our many discoveries that day, we began the long journey back to the truck.



In November, armed with a borrowed GPS and our maps, Cuckoo and I again bushwhacked to the town's "Firescrew Forest" and, having definite boundary markers, once there, easily walked its perimeter. With the leaves now fallen, I could look deep into the woods and really absorb its extensive beauty and secluded tranquility. Again, nature's gentle music and quietude permeated our picnic lunch.

Having brought my findings and many photographs to the Orange Conservation Commission, we are in hopes that some day we can branch off of an AMC hiking trail and establish a loop trail through the town forest. But whether there is a trail or not, I hope that someday, dear reader, perhaps you also will venture into that vast wilderness and visit our hidden little paradise. It can be quite a skirmish to get there but well worth the effort.



--Sandi Pierson

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